

REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of this Response and Preliminary Amendment is requested. Claims 1-24 were cancelled. Claims 25-48 were added.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 25-48 are now pending in this application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby elects Group II for prosecution in the subject application. At least cancelled claims 2, 14 and 20 which now correspond to new claims 26, 38 and 44 respectively, read on Group II. In addition, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Conclusion

Receipt of an initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,


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